(iv) To look into the question of farmers' access to quality inputs, viz., seeds, fertilizers, pesticides, etc., and to suggest measures to restrict the use of pesticides (specially Synthetic Pyrithroids), promote Integrated pest Management and to prevent the sale of spurious pesticides.

(v) To make such other recommendations on related issues as the Group may consider appropriate.

Cold Storage Facilities in Tripura

2019. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of acute shortage of cold storage facilities in Tripura;

(b) whether Government of Tripura has sent a proposal for granting financial assistance towards the construction of cold storages; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government to this proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The State Government of Tripura has submitted a proposal for release of Rs. 1262.50 lakhs of financial assistance to the NABARD.

(c) The status of the proposal is being ascertained from NABARD.

Losses Due to Floods in Andhra Pradesh

2020. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:
DR. MOHAN BABU:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Southern States, particularly, Andhra Pradesh have been badly affected due to flood in the month of October this year;

(b) if so, the details of special Central assistance granted to Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka to meet the situation;

(c) whether Government have seen any Central team to assess the extent of loss of lives and property held due to floods; and

(d) if so, the findings of the team and further action taken by Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) The States of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Kerala were affected by rains/ floods.

(b) Advance Plan assistance of Rs. 200 crore to Andhra Pradesh and Rs. 50 crore to Karnataka have been released.

(c) Yes, Sir. The Inter-Ministerial Central Teams have visited these States for assessment of the situation.

(d) The request of these State Governments are at various stages of process in accordance with the established procedure for assistance from the National Fund for Calamity Relief.

Impact of Green Revolution on Employment Generation

2021. PROF. RAM GOPAL YADAV:
SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether agriculture is becoming uneconomical venture and leading to unemployment as is evident from the case of Punjab.

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the impact of Green Revolution on employment generation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) to (c) No, Sir. Agriculture continues to remain an economically viable venture as the value of output from agriculture has been showing an increasing trend. The agriculture output which was Rs. 56875 crore at constant prices in 1980-81 has gone upto Rs. 89264 crore during 1995-96. The average daily number of workers in agriculture and allied sectors has also been registering an increasing trend. The number of estimated average daily workers which stood at 1426 thousands during 1971 increased to 3999 thousands during 1993. The green revolution

in aggregative terms has resulted in higher employment in agriculture.

Damages due to Floods in Karnataka

2022. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY:
SHRI S.M. KRISHNA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Central team visited Karnataka to take stock of the damages caused due to recent rains/floods, if so, the details of their findings;

(b) what demand the State Government have made to Central Government for Central assistance under different heads; and

(c) the amount released by Government so far and that likely to be released?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) to (c) The Government of Karnatka had requested for assistance of Rs. 1352.13 crore from the National Fund for Calamity Relief (NFCR) under the following sectors:

		(Rs. in crore)
1.	Rescue & Relief	3.13
2.	Livestock	1.84
3.	Agriculture	400.00
4.	Repairs to damaged houses	49.21
5.	Buildings	18.28
6.	Bridges and culverts	67.62
7.	Roads	294.92
8.	Minor Irrigation Tanks	76.17
9.	Canals	11.21
10.	Others sectors*	429.75

* Includes house construction, Health and Family Welfare, Road Repairs in the Limits of Bangalore City Corporation.

An Inter-Ministerial Central Team visited the affected areas from 17th to 19th November, 1998 for assessment of the situation. The request of the State Government is under process in accordance with the established procedure for grant of assistance from the NFCR.

The entire Central share of Rs. 34.81 crore, out of the allocation of Rs. 46.41 crore to the State under Calamity Relief Fund for 1998-99, has already been released.

Problems of Cotton Growers

2023. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have considered the report of the committee on the problems of cotton growers constituted by the Rajya Sabha; and

(b) the action taken, if any, on the recommendation of the report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) and (b) Report on the problems of cotton growers submitted by Rajya Sabha Committee on 12.8.97 was circulated to various cotton growing states and concerned Ministry for follow up action.

The major recommendations of the committee include more concentrated focus on Integrated Pest Management availability of the seed, educating farmers for latest production technology to increase the production, efficient use of available irrigation water, improving the quality of cotton lint through improving the market infrastructure and modernising ginning/ pressing factories.

The concerned State Government and Central Ministries have been suggested to take appropriate action on the recommendations concerning them. The Ministry of Agriculture have incorporated appropriate recommendations in the cotton development scheme for the Ninth Five Year Plan.

Ramaiah Committee Recommendation

2024. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH:
SHRI S.M. KRISHNA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether ICAR had accepted Ramaiah Committee recommendation that each library be given status equal to that of Department or Division of the Institute to whcih it belongs and librarians should have status as recommended by UGC for the universities and colleges and this decision was conveyed to its